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Dear Mr. Schneider:

I have read with deep concern your letter of October 18, 1977 to President Carter which dealt with the cases of eight prisoners in Argentina who were arrested on November 10, 1974. Ms. Bova, of my staff, called Olga Talamante about it. As a result of the additional information on the case which Ms. Talamante was able to supply, we sent a cable to our Embassy in Buenos Aires noting that seven of the prisoners' jail sentences were due to end on November 10, 1977 and asking our Embassy to alert the Foreign Ministry of our government's interest and concern in these cases.

The Embassy informed us that it would be making a formal inquiry with the Foreign Ministry about these cases on November 11, the day after seven of them were to be released.

As you may know, I will be going to Argentina with the Secretary on November 20. While there, I will personally raise these cases with the Argentine officials. I will let you know of any information I receive upon my return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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